

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Garrison et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM APPEAL**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, please amend the application as follows and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted herewith along with a request and fee for one month extension of time. By this response and RCE the Applicants' pending appeal in this case is hereby withdrawn prior to the issuance of a ruling from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.  
**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.